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INTELLIGENCE MEMORANDUM

Situation in the Dominican Republic
(as of 1500 DET)

1. Further information on the planned rebel assault on the US Embassy scheduled for tonight indicates that the rebels may attempt to seize and hold US personnel as hostages in order to utilize them as bargaining points in any final determination of the struggle.

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3. Havana Radio has been using its Creole language broadcasts, which it has long been beaming to Haiti, to incite the Creole-speaking population of the Dominican Republic to support the rebel cause.

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[redacted] The Creole broadcasts, [redacted] are urging the rebels on, "ordering" them not to give up. The broadcasts repeat over and over "Use the bottles" (perhaps Molotov cocktails) and "this is no time to give up." [redacted] the portions of the Havana broadcasts in the French language differ from those coming over in Creole in that the latter are more inflammatory. [redacted]

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[redacted] Radio Havana is intentionally veiling its action by using a little-known language to transmit its most inflammatory material. There are some 50,000 Haitians in the Dominican Republic, all of them Creole speaking, but only a relatively small number in Santo Domingo. The Creole language is also spoken by Dominicans in the west and north of the country.

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